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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

RECORD OF DISCUSSIONS

ON

ITEM 1568 - CONTROL EQUIPMENT

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Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Docs. 3700.5, 3715.00/1 and W.P. 1568/1 and 2.

1. The UNITED STATES Delegation proposed the addition to Item 1568 of a new part (h), reading:

"(h) Analogue-to-digital and digital-to-analogue converters with a resolving power better than one part in 10^8 ."

The Delegate stated that the proposed restriction ("with a resolving power better than one part in 10^8 ") was intended to avoid embargoing equipment and parts having little or no strategic significance, and at the same time to reduce the administrative burden of Governments.

2. The FRENCH Delegation were unable for the time being to accept the United States proposal. Moreover, they considered that the heading was not specific enough and that the French wording "Matériel de commande" did not correspond exactly to the English expression "Control equipment". They would prefer the following text: "Control equipment and fire control equipment".

3. The UNITED STATES Delegation were unable to accept this change, which would narrow the coverage, present and intended, of the item in question.

4. The GERMAN Delegate stated that the English wording "Control equipment" was no more precise than the French. He proposed that the question of the heading should be taken up again during the second round of the review. This proposal was accepted by all other Delegations.

CONCLUSION: The COMMITTEE, noting that they were unable to reach agreement on Item 1568, agreed to resume its study during the second round of the review.

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